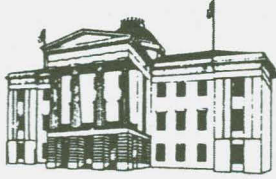


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY

2009

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, last year, the North Carolina Center for Missing Persons recorded 10,583 cases of missing persons and 8,350 of those were for missing children, of which 96 percent were returned to their families safely.

WHEREAS, the N.C. Center for Missing Persons works closely with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and sponsors training for law enforcement officers, home care providers and assisted living facilities; and

WHEREAS, the N.C. Center for Missing Persons maintains an extensive computer database and serves as a statewide resource center for information on missing children, gives assistance to sheriff's offices and police departments, serves as liaison between states and various governmental agencies when child abductions cross state lines, and manages the North Carolina AMBER Alert and Silver Alert Systems; and

WHEREAS, the N.C. Center for Missing Persons activates the N.C. AMBER Alert system when a child is believed to be abducted by a stranger or in danger of injury or death and activates the Silver Alert system when a child is missing and believed to be suffering from dementia or a cognitive impairment; and

WHEREAS, the N.C. Center for Missing Persons activated the AMBER Alert system eight times in 2008 and the Silver Alert two times, with successful recoveries of each child involved; and

WHEREAS, families can take steps to prevent child abductions by knowing where their children play, who their friends are and talking with them about their safety at home, at school and on the Internet; and

WHEREAS, if a child is missing, their families must immediately file a missing persons report with local law enforcement, remembering time is always a critical factor; and

WHEREAS, each year the N.C. Center for Missing Persons joins the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in observing National Missing Children's Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 22, 2009, as **MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY** in North Carolina, and encourage all citizens to participate in the observance by taking the time to talk to a child about safety.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-first day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty third.